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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER

DENOUNCES "INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN"

TO DIVIDE LATIN AMERICA AND THIRD WORLD.

1. JANUARY 11 FBIS CARRIES TEXT OF PRESS INTERVIEW BY FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOBAR SAME DAY TO EFFECT THAT THERE IS AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN THROUGH A "SERIES OF PRESS ACCOUNTS TO DIVIDE LATIN AMERICA AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES" WHICH WE BELIEVE MERITS DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION.

2. COMMENT: ESCOBAR'S COMMENTS WERE GENERATED IN PART BY ELIOT JANEWAY COLUMN PUBLISHED JANUARY 9 IN WASHINGTON STAR (ONLY PARTIALLY REPRINTED IN VENEZUELA) WHICH WARNED THAT VENEZUELA COULD PROVOKE MILITARY ATTACK BY BRAZIL BECAUSE OF OPEC PRICING POLICIES. ESCOBAR, REFLECTING GOV SENSITIVITY TOWARD BRAZIL, TOLD PRESS REPEATEDLY VENEZUELA-BRAZIL RELATIONS WERE "FRIENDLY AND NORMAL". ESCOBAR'S OUTBURST IS INDICATIVE OF THE EXTREME SENSITIVITY, AT TIMES APPROACHING PARANOIA, OF GOV, PARTICULARLY AT ITS SENIOR LEVELS, CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL PRESS REPORTING CRITICAL OF LATIN AMERICA AND SHOULD BE READ IN THIS LIGHT.

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